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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2005, the time for responding having  
been extended by petition, please enter the following amendment:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the claims are listed beginning on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.